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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: **BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY** 

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: June 16, 2010

### MEMBERS PRESENT

David Doane, Professional Member, President Robert Mosch, Professional Member, Secretary Michael Wollaston, Professional Member Sharron Cirillo, Professional Member James Cohee, Professional Member Judith Scarborough, Professional Member Robert Paretta, Educational Member Gary Pippin, Public Member

# **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Judy Letterman, Administrative Specialist III

### MEMBER ABSENT

Carmetha Murray Gary Pippin

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Dana Watty

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# **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Doane called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

# **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

A motion was made Mr. Cohee seconded by Ms. Cirillo to approve the April 21, 2010 meeting minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

# **Disciplinary Hearing**

The Board received notification that due to a death in the family of the attorney for Nancy Wolf, the attorney's office was requesting a continuance. The Board agreed and will reschedule the hearing for the July meeting.

### Compliance to Decision & Order-Ralph Estep

Mr. Estep previously submitted a copy of his company letterhead for review by the Board. After review, the Board had notified him that the use of "Accounting Resource Center" was misleading and the public could assume that he was authorized to practice accounting; his license is currently suspended.

Mr. Estep responded to the Board's notice and stated that the letterhead had already been printed and making a change to the letterhead would be a hardship.

Ms. Heeney will draft a response.

#### Re-Review of Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Scarborough, seconded by Mr. Mosch to approve the applications of Aneth Sanchez Moali, Michael Braun, and Lin-Qiang Ma and to reschedule the propose to deny hearing of Maia Lam. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Doane amended the agenda and added the application of Shawn Rozair.

Mr. Rozair responded to the Board's letter, regarding his experience requirement, stating that he could self-attest since he was self employed.

A motion was made by Ms. Cirillo seconded by Mr. Cohee to propose to deny the application of Shawn Rozair since Section 107 of the law states you must be a licensed public accountant to self attest and since he is not licensed by Delaware law as a public accountant he can not self attest. The motion was unanimously carried.

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### Correspondence

## Bernard G. Conaway-Deloitte & Touche

The Board received a letter from attorney Bernard Conaway, regarding the hearing for Complaint 04-02-08, and stated that due to complex legal issues, that the Board may want to address the legal issues prior to the hearing.

Ms. Heeney made recommendations and the Board will request that the disciplinary hearing be scheduled for the October 16, 2010 meeting and schedule the review of the legal issues at the previous meeting scheduled for September 15, 2010.

# CPA Education Requirement Summary Review

The Board reviewed the correspondence from NASBA concerning the submitted board profile. The Board clarified the profile and the revision will be submitted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Ratification of CPA Certificate Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Scarborough, seconded by Mr. Mosch to ratify the applications of Taichi Orito, Brian Auton and Ziad Bader. The motion was unanimously carried.

## Review of CPA Permit Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Doane, seconded by Mr. Mosch to approve the applications of Kelly Hunsicker, Michelle Hutchinson, Hyun Gyoo Lee, to table the application of Ann-Kristin Kauta pending clarification on whether or not the western school certificate was live or self study and proof of an additional 1.5 hours of A&A, to decline the request of Mansoor Maqsod to waive the 80 hours of cpe and inform him that his application will remain on file for 1 year allowing time to complete the required cpe. The motion was unanimously carried.

### Review of CPA Certificate and Permit to Practice Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Wollaston, seconded by Ms Cirillo to approve the applications of Rasika Mundada, Danietta Williams, Christopher Gilbert, Guncha Chawla, Qiong Wu, Uzondu Obele, Robert Staten, Terrance Wilson, Jeffrey Megaro, Khairat Onaneye, Mohammad Mairaj, David Handelsman, Reid Benton George Oboge, and James Maybuary, to table the application of Christopher Kelliher pending verification of 2 years of experience, to table the application of Dana Watty, since he had not completed the "Advanced Accounting" course, until the pending rules and regulations are adopted at which time his application will be re-reviewed. The motion was unanimously carried.

# **Review of Firm Permit Application**

No application to review.

## **Complaint Status**

04-02-08 – Hearing Postponed 04-03-08 – Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-05-08 - Assigned 04-07-08 - Hearing Rescheduled May 19, 2010 04-08-08 - Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-09-08 - Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-12-08 - Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-13-08 – Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-14-08 - Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-15-08 – Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-16-08 - Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-01-09 - Hearing Rescheduled May 19, 2010 04-03-09 - Assigned 04-04-09 - Assigned 04-05-09 - Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-06-09 – Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-07-09 - Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-08-09 - Assigned 04-09-09 - Assigned 04-10-09 - Forwarded to Office of Attorney General 04-11-09 - Assigned 04-12-09 - Assigned 04-01-10 - Assigned 04-02-10 - Assigned 04-03-10 - Assigned

# OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Ms. Cirillo asked for an update from the Division on the Board's budget.

A list of the licensees who do not comply with the post renewal audit will be added to the June agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Watty informed the Board that when he spoke the Division administrator he understood that he needed an advanced course in accounting for his application and he has completed other advanced courses.

Mr. Doane apologized for the misunderstanding and explained that at this time there are specific required courses that must be completed, which includes "Advance Accounting", however when the proposed rules are adopted, they will allow a broader range of acceptable courses and his application will be re-reviewed at that time.

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

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The meeting will include Rules and Regulation hearing, Propose to Deny hearing for Maia Lam and a disciplinary hearing for Stephen Sassi.

Mr. Moshe will not be attending the June meeting.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Doane, seconded by Ms. Scarborough to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Letterman Administrative Specialist III